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#### **About this Newsletter**

This periodic newsletter provides updates and information relevant to Business and Information Technology educators. It is published by Business & Information Technology, Career & Technical Education Team, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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# Congratulations, Julie and Menomonee Falls!

Jill Hughes, a business education teacher in the Menomonee Falls School District, has won the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Economics and Financial Literacy Award. For her project, Mrs. Hughes submitted the "Reality Check Project". It focuses on the business deptartment's Financial Literacy Curriculum. It won first place in the senior division. Mrs. Hughes will be recognized and receive her award at the excellence awards luncheon on October 9th. The competition is sponsored by Robert W. Baird & Co.

# Target Field Trip Grants

Target will award 5,000 Field Trip Grants of up to \$800 each during the 2008-2009 school year. Visit/tour a local business. Share career information in a target Career Clusters. Teach Sports Management?--Tour the stadium/business offices of your local sports team. What great opportunity!

Click here for more information (www.target.com). Click on Community at the bottom of the page, then Education on the left.

While you are there, check out the other resources available at this site!

# WICPA hosts Accounting Symposium in November



Teach Accounting? Then join the Wisconsin Association of Certified Public Accountants on Friday, November 14 at the Sheraton Madison for the 7th annual High School Educators Accounting Symposium! This year's theme is CPA: a healthy career choice. A variety of sessions will be offered including a panel of CPAs who work in

health care. Visit this link

(http://www.wicpa.org/Student\_Teacher/educatorresources.htm) to print a brochure and registration form and read speaker biographies.

# **Great FREE Activities Newsletter!**



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## Seven Steps to a Flat Classroom

Want to incorporate cutting edge, global technologies into your classroom? The Seven Steps to a Flat Classroom online workshop may just be what you are looking for! Developed by Vicki Davis, who has been recognized for her innovative use of the Web in her classroom, this workshop shares the steps necessary to expand your classroom to include global communities and different forms of online communication!

Click here to select pieces of this workshop! (http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/7sfc\_wb2/)

## **Business Teachers Infuse IT Essential Skills**

Five Wisconsin B&IT teachers spent one to two weeks of their summers developing their computer hardware and networking essential skills to bring back to their classrooms! These week-long workshops provided teachers the opportunity to become certified to teach Cisco IT Essentials and/or CCNA Discovery curriculum (webbased, free curriculum). As Wisconsin's and the United States' need for qualified IT professionals begins to increase as a rocket's pace (see statistics located here under IT Trends--

http://www.dpi.wi.gov/bit/resources.html), it is imperative that Wisconsin's Business & Information Technology teachers are prepared to integrate necessary IT curriculum into their programs. Congratulations to Chris Maedtke (Stoughton), Bill Simon (Fort Atkinson), Dave Haas (Wisconsin Heights), Sherrie Stuessy (Belleville), and Mike Rose (St. Croix)!

Watch for similar DPI co-sponsored events for Summer 2009!

## Need a resource?



The newly updated B&IT website from DPI has a great listing of many of the resources the Business & Information Technology teachers use throughout the year! Bookmark this page for future reference: B&IT Web

Resources (http://www.dpi.wi.gov/bit/resources.html).

Have information to share? Please forward it to me for inclusion in the next newsletter!

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